

HOUSE RESOLUTION 179

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John R. Taylor, Sr., for meritorious service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is John R. Taylor, Sr., a public-spirited citizen of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chattanooga, John Taylor is the son of Carl, Sr., and Mary Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor is a 1980 graduate of Brainerd High School and earned his bachelor's degree from Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas; and

WHEREAS, he holds a degree in mortuary science from John A. Gupton College and is working toward his master's degree in divinity; and

WHEREAS, John Taylor made his first venture into local politics as a candidate for the City Council District 7 seat in 1997 and, on March 6, 2001, he made history by becoming the first City Council Representative from District 7 to win a re-election since the new council form of government began in 1990; and

WHEREAS, during his two laudable terms on the City Council, Mr. Taylor was instrumental in the HOPE VI Project in the Alton Park Community; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in his community, John Taylor is President of Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc., and Chairperson for the International Committee, and he previously served as President of Scales Funeral Home in Nashville, President of the East Tennessee Funeral Directors & Morticians Association and the State Funeral Directors &

Morticians Association, Inc., District Governor for the National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor also holds the designation of Certified Funeral Service Practitioner; and

WHEREAS, John Taylor serves on several boards, including John A. Gupton College, Chattanooga Tennessee Multicultural Chamber of Commerce, Alton Park Development Corporation, Front Porch Alliance, and Parental Involvement Committee, OMA, STOP the Madness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor served faithfully for many years as the Education Director for the Avondale Church of Christ under the ministry of his father, and he currently serves as minister of the East Third Street Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, he is also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, the former Anita L. Denkins, and their two sons, John, Jr., and Andrew Taylor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of John Taylor; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Mr. Taylor who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud John Taylor for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in Chattanooga; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor John R. Taylor, Sr., for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, commend his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.